

HOW DOES THAT WORK?

THE PLATFORM PROCESS

The platform process actually starts at the Precinct Convention level, with the resolutions that were voted on by the delegates at each of these conventions. These work their way up through the County/Senatorial Conventions to the State Convention and will be considered by the members of the Platform Committee.

The Temporary Platform Committee begins meeting on Monday, June 13 and continues through Wednesday, June 15. These are open meetings and delegates, alternates, and guests are welcome to attend. Any delegate or alternate may testify before a subcommittee or the Platform Committee as a whole.

The Permanent Platform Committee will convene and begin to finalize the report it will present to the delegates. The final report will be placed online for the delegates and alternates to view. The printed platforms will be given to the delegates on Friday.

The Platform Report will be given during the Friday afternoon General Session. There will be amendments proposed, debated, and at some point, a delegate will “call the question”. Call the question is a non-debatable motion that, if passed, ends the debate. The plan is to allow the delegates to vote on the platform plank by plank. By allowing all of the delegates to vote on each plank, it does several things 1) It empowers them to have more of a voice. Instead of only having input on 3 or 4 issues, they have the ability to weigh in on all of them; 2) Delegates will read the platform to know how to vote, therefor, having a better understanding of the document that sets the direction and tone of the Republican Party; 3) We will have a count for how many votes were cast for a particular plank. So, if 8,250 delegates (out of 9,00) vote for a particular plank it will be understood that it has broad support – in other words it is quantifiable – giving more teeth to the individual planks.

If you don't want to weigh in on that particular plank, don't vote. It will be counted as an undervote. Otherwise, choose one of the two options. If you have an issue, let your county chair know. We have a process for spoiled ballots.

How will this process work?

<https://www.texasgop.org/platform>

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The Legislative Priorities committee will choose 15 based on recommendations and top resolutions from the Senate Districts. Then the delegates will vote for the top 8 during the General Session on Saturday.

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